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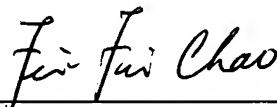
This preliminary amendment is submitted for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependent claims in compliance with the U.S. patent practice.

In the above identified application, claims 1-8 are currently pending. Claim 3 is amended to remove multiple dependency. Claim 6 is amended to further clarify the claimed invention. Claim 8 is added to supplement the deficiency as a result of the elimination of the multiple dependent claim 2. No new matter has been introduced.

In view of the foregoing, all claims are now in condition for examination, and notice of early examination is respectfully requested. Should the application not be passed for examination, the examiner is requested to contact the applicants' attorney to resolve any problem.

Respectfully submitted,

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